

REMARKS

Claims 2-4, 6-8 and 11 are pending for further examination. Claims 5 and 9-10 are canceled. Claim 11 is new.

Applicant thanks the Examiner for recognizing that claims 6 and 8 include allowable subject matter. Claims 6 and 8 have been rewritten in independent form to include the features of the claims from which they depended. Therefore, claims 6 and 8 should be in condition for allowance. Claims 7 and 11 depend, respectively, from claims 6 and 8 and should be allowed for at least the same reasons as claims 6 and 8. Additionally, applicants have amended independent claim 2 to include the features of claim 8 and respectfully request allowance of claim 2. Claims 3 and 4 depend from claim 2 and should be allowed for at least the same reasons as claim 2.

It is believed that all of the pending claims have been addressed. However, the absence of a reply to a specific rejection, issue or comment does not signify agreement with or concession of that rejection, issue or comment. In addition, because the arguments made above may not be exhaustive, there may be reasons for patentability of any or all pending claims (or other claims) that have not been expressed. Finally, nothing in this paper should be construed as an intent to concede any issue with regard to any claim, except as specifically stated in this paper, and the amendment of any claim does not necessarily signify concession of unpatentability of the claim prior to its amendment.

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